

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-18 remain in the application and are presented for reconsideration.

Claims 2, 15, and 17 have been rejected as being indefinite for including a trademark. These claims have been amended to include a generic identifier.

Claim 16 has been rejected as being unclear. The typographical error in the claim has been corrected.

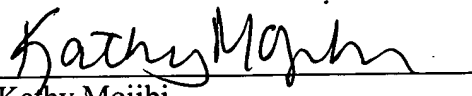
Independent claims 1, 6 and 16 provide a housing unit having an opening therein, wherein the opening is configured to receive the LED pad. Furthermore, claims 1, 6, and 16 provide that the "housing unit is removably attached to the LED pad." None of the cited references disclose this feature. Osendowski does not disclose separating the control portion from the treatment portion. See Office Action, page 4. Furthermore, Leber et al. does not disclose a housing unit removably attached to the LED pad. Nor does Leber disclose a housing unit having an opening therein wherein the opening is configured to receive the LED pad.

The Office Action states that Leber's control unit is interpreted as a housing unit and may be separate from the substrate (Figure 7) or attached to the substrate (Figure 12). It is important to note that Figures 7 and 12 of Leber are different embodiments. Leber teaches two separate devices: one in which the control unit is attached to the substrate and one in which they are separate. Leber does not teach a device that can transform from one configuration to another. With respect to Figure 12, the Office Action states that the "pocket" Leber clearly provides a means for fastening the control unit to the treatment unit and is interpreted as a generic fastening means. See Office Action, pages 3 and 4. It is unclear which feature is considered a packet. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no pocket, as the specification corresponding to Figure 12 simply states that "the control unit 1210 is mounted directly on treatment pad 1200." See Column 12, lines 60-63. As such, Leber does not show a housing having an opening to receive the LED pad. Nor does it show the housing and the LED pad removably attached to each other.

For the reasons stated above, it is believed that claims 1, 6, and 16 are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 6, or 16 and contain additional patentable features.

If there are any additional issues that could be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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